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School Nutrition Programs

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"SCHOOL BREAKFAST - GO FOR GOLD"

This year's National School Breakfast Week, March 5-9, 2012, will highlight how eating a healthy balanced breakfast at school helps students shine. The campaign will help students learn about the importance of eating healthy and being active.



"School Breakfast - Go for Gold" also aligns with the USDA's HealthierUS School Challenge and the First Lady's Let's Move Goals. The campaign runs from January - March 2012 and culminates with the National School Breakfast Week, March 5-9, 2012.



For tools and resources to make your National School Breakfast Week a success go to the National School Nutrition Association Web site at http://www.schoolnutrition.org/Level2_NSBW2012.aspx?id=15458.



Starting each day with a nutritious breakfast helps students stay alert and perform better in school. If your school is interested in starting a breakfast program, contact School Nutrition Programs at (406) 444-2501.

2013 USDA FOODS ORDERS

The OPI School Nutrition USDA Foods order form will close on Friday January 20, 2012. Thanks to everyone for placing your USDA Foods orders promptly. The final quantities will be tabulated to determine the orders that will be

placed with the USDA. Watch for updates on MTLunchline in the coming weeks.



FSA WINS AGAIN!

Food Services of America won the OPI Cooperative Purchases for the 2012 winter bid. Deliveries will begin in January. If you have questions contact Kennie Johnson by phone at (406) 444-4412, or by e-mail at Kennie@mt.gov.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAMS (SFSP)

With the holiday season behind us, it is time to start thinking about feeding hungry kids during the summer when school is not in session. It's never too early to start planning your Summer Food Service Program for 2012.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was created to serve nutritious meals to children when National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program meals are not available and to ensure that all children receive proper nutrition throughout the year.

Schools or nonprofits in areas with at least 50 percent free and reduced-price lunch participation can qualify to run a summer food site and receive federal reimbursement for each meal served during the summer break.

One in ten people in Montana live in households where there is not always enough food. With

more than 85,000 children living in such households, hunger is a real issue for Montana families.

Visit the OPI School Nutrition Web site at: http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/summer.html to learn more about Summer Food Service Programs. If you are interested in starting a summer food site in your area, contact Sofia Janik at the OPI School Nutrition Programs office at (406) 444-2521.



SPRING ABC MEETINGS

The spring ABC meetings are scheduled for February 28 in Miles City, March 1 in Great Falls and March 2 in Missoula. Topics of discussion will include the USDA Foods orders for 2013 and what beef and chicken products will be processed using the state matching funds for 2013. If you have additional agenda items that you would like the committee to discuss, send them to either Kennie Johnson at Kennie@mt.gov, or Judy Wilson at juwilson@mt.gov. If you are unable to attend the meeting please let Kennie, Judy or any committee member know your preference for the products to be processed using the state matching funds.



USDA FOODS CANCELLATIONS

The OPI Food Distribution office was informed by the USDA that any products that have not already been purchased for Montana will not be purchased for the 2012 school year. The USDA Foods that will not be purchased include one truckload (912 cases) of Pears, one truckload (1200 cases) of Chix Roasted 8PC, a partial truckload (800 cases) of Chicken Fajita Meat and

one truckload of Chix Chill LG. The USDA will move these orders to 2013.

The Chix Roasted 8PC orders have been deleted. The remaining two Pear deliveries, Shipments 9 and 11, have been adjusted down by 456 cases each. There are 250 cases of Chix Fajita Meat that will be distributed to a few schools. All other orders have been cancelled.

AVAILABLE USDA FOODS

The following USDA Foods are still available if any school can use additional product. E-mail your requests to juwilson@mt.gov.

Mozzarella Lite Cheese	\$ 57.36
Mozzarella, LMPs Cheese	\$ 51.64
Flour, Whole Wheat	\$ 9.64
Pancakes, Whole Wheat	\$ 10.30
Peanut Butter	\$ 23.35
Spaghetti Sauce, Meatless	\$ 12.34
Spaghetti, Whole Grain	\$ 7.85
Tomato Paste	\$ 22.80
Turkey Roasts	\$ 81.16
Tortillas, Whole Grain	\$ 0.00

IN THE NEWS!

Two more Montana school districts, have been added to the Schools HealthierUS Challenge winner's list. Townsend has won the Silver level award and Luther Elementary the Gold with Distinction award.

Congratulations to both schools for this high-level national achievement.



